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Caledonian Mercury

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A short Account of all the most considerable News,
Foreign and Domestic.

Edinburgh, Thursday October 10, 1723.

From the Evening Post, October 5.

This Day arrived Mail that from Flanders.

Copenhagen, Sept. 25.

OUR Squadron is now entirely unrigged and laid up, except 3 Men of War and 2 Frigats, which, 'tis said, are to cruise between this and Cronenburg. 'Tis talked that our Court has Intelligence, that three Russian Men of War, laden with Sail-cloth, Cables, Hemp, and other warlike Stores, are ordered to sail from Petersburgh to Ostend; where they are to sell these Stores to the new East India Company: And in case the said Men of War should endeavour to force their Passage thro' the Sound without paying the usual Toll, Commodore Lemorg has positive Orders to oppose it vigorously.

London, Octob. 5. James Rufiel, one of the Waltham Blacks now in Winchester Goal, is said to be the Person that call'd himself King of the Blacks.

We hear the following Envoys are ordered from Abroad to the Court of Great Britain: Mr. Chavigny, from France; the Heer Hop, from Holland; Mr. Bestucheff, from the Czar; and Admiral Perez from the Emperor of Fez & Morocco.

'Tis said that the Lord Carteret will be appointed Ambassador Extraordinary to the Court of France; and that Horatio Walpole, Esq; will be made a Secretary of State.

From the Flying Post, October 5.

London, Octob. 5. Last Wednesday-morning the Dutchess of Argyle was brought to bed of a Son.

S. S. Stock, 111.

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From the St. James's Evening Post.

Votes of the House of Commons of Ireland,

Sept. 14. Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer, according to order, reported from the Committee of the whole House, appointed to take into Consideration the Motion for a Supply to be granted to his Majesty, as also his Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Speech, that they had come to a Resolution in the Matter to them referred, which he read in his Place, and afterwards delivered in at the Table, where the same was again read, and is as followeth,

Resolved, That it is the Opinion of this Committee, that a Supply be granted to his Majesty.

And the Question being put, That the House do agree with the Committee in the said Resolution.

Resolved, That this House do on Thursday next resolve it self into a Committee of the whole House, to take into Consideration the Supply granted to his Majesty, as also his Grace the Lord Lieutenant's Speech.

Ordered, That a Committee be appointed to meet at the Speaker's Chamber on Monday Morning next, at 9 a Clock, to inspect the several publick Accounts and Papers laid before the House; that they have Power to subdivide themselves if they think proper, and to send for Persons, Papers and Records, and to adjourn from Time to Time, and Place to Place, as they shall think fit, and to report their Proceedings with their Opinion therein to the House, and that all Members who come have Voices.

And a Committee was appointed accordingly.

Mr. Thomas Baillie of Pillanic and Mr. Doyle of High-street, according to Order, attending at the Door, they were severally called in.

Ordered, that the said Thomas Baillie do on Friday Morning next attend the Committee of the whole House appointed to take into Consideration the State of the Nation, particularly in Relation to the Importing and Uttering of Copper Half-pence and Farthings into this Kingdom.

Ordered, that the said Dennis Doyel do on Friday Morning next attend the said Committee.

Mr. Secretary Hopkins reported to the House, That their Address Yesterday to his Grace the Lord Lieutenant, for laying before this House the Exemplification or Copy of the Patent, and all Papers that his Grace has relating to the Coining of Copper Half-pence had been presented to his Grace, and that his Grace commanded him to acquaint this House, that his Grace has no Exemplification or Copy of the Patent for coining Copper Halfpence, or other Papers which could give the House Satisfaction upon that Subject, in his Custody.

Ordered *Nemine contradicente*, That the Commissioners of his Majesty's Revenue do lay before this House, all such Letters and Papers as they have received or written relating to the Importing or Uttering of Copper Half-pence.

The House being informed, That John Read of Comblane Merchant, and Daniel Molineux of Essex-street, Iron-monger, have been Persons active in Uttering the Copper Half-pence imported into this Kingdom.

Ordered,

Ordered, That the said John Read, do attend this House on Monday Morning next, and lay before this House the Patent and all other Papers that he hath, relating to the Coining of Copper Halfpence.

Ordered, That the said Daniel Molintux do attend this House on Monday Morning next, and lay before this House the Copy of the Patent and all other Papers that he hath relating to the Coining of Copper Halfpence.

The House being informed, That Offers have been made to Tristram Fortick of Capel Street Saddler, to be convey'd as a Sharer in the Coinage of the said Copper Halfpence

Ordered, That the said Tristram Fortick do attend the House on Monday Morning next, and lay before the House the Copy of the Patent; and all other Papers that he hath, in Relation to the Coinage of Copper Halfpence.

The House being informed, That Mr. William Mapple a Chymist in Fishamble Street, is a Person that can give them Information touching the Value of the Copper Halfpence, imported into this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the said Mr. William Mapple do attend this House on Monday Morning next.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Rolls or his Deputy do lay before this House on Wednesday next, the Enrollment of the Patent granted to Mr. Legg; and of all other Patents relating to the Coinage of Halfpence in this Kingdom.

Ordered, That the Clerk of the Paper Office, or his Deputy, do lay before this House on Wednesday next, Copies of the Petition of the Lord Cornwallis, relating to the Coinage of Halfpence, the Order of the Reference; and the Report of the then Attorney and Solicitor General thereupon

Mr. Wood the Patentee's Observations on the above Resolutions you shall have in our next.

Paris, October 9. His Majesty continues to divert himself during this present Season at Hunting. He enjoys perfect Health, and grows daily in Strength, through his great Delight in Exercise. Upon Advice of the Death of the Prince de Turenne, Son to the Duke of Bouillon, and lately married to the Princess Sobieski (younger) Sister to the Pretendress, the Count de Eureux his Uncle is set out Post for Strasburgh, to settle some Affairs relating thereto.

Leghorn, September 18. 'Tis now confirmed, that they are fitting out several Men of War at Toulon with all possible Diligence. We have received Advice from Portmahon, that a large Sum of Money had been brought there, to pay all the Arrears due to the English Garrison of that Place.

From the Weekly Journal, October 1.

We hear by way of Hamburg, That when Mincheer Walfrath, Privy Counsellor to the Duke of Mecklenburg, (who was beheaded for a Conspiracy against that Duke) was at the Place of Execution, he declared, upon the Faith of a dying Man and a Christian, *That he was innocent of the Treason; and that all the Letters produc'd against him were forged.*

By Letters from several Parts of Germany we hear, that certain Ladies who for some Years past have for the most part resided in England, having laid out vast Sums of Money on the Purchase of Lands in Poland and Lower Prussia, has rais'd a very strong Desire in some other Ladies of coming into this Island to pay us a Visit,

Wye's

Wye's Letter verbatim, London, October 5.

Letters from Madrid of the 21st, give the following particular of the Tempest which happened there on the 15th past, viz.

That it was so dreadful that every one thought the World was at an End; That the Lightning, Thunder and furious Rain, could not be expressed, that the furiousness of the Torrent caused by the Rain, which fell in Cataracts, made a most deplorable Havock in the Suburb Sta Barbara, where several Houses were thrown down, and 4 Persons buried under the Ruins; all the Part of the City called the Old Guards was filled with Water to the 2d Story; and much Mischief would have happened there had not the Rapidity of the Torrent thrown down 50 Foot of the Wall of the Garden of Castle Rodriguo, by which Means a Passage was opened to the Flood, and saved the Lives of that Part of the City.

Yesterday our Merchants received Advice by the *Henrietta*, Capt. Bailly, arrived at Dover from Sr. Christophers, That a violent Storm happened there on the 6th of August last, in which 5 of the Ships homeward bound, were driven from their Anchors and cast away, three of the said Ships, are, the *Little of Africa*, Capt. Callingwood; *Mary*, Capt. Moullin, *Lucrecia* and *Kathrine*, Capt. Mills: The Names of the 2 others are not yet known. 'Tis computed that 700 Hogf-heads of Suggar were destroyed.

By Letters this Day from Bostoun in New-England, we are advised. That on the 29th of July last, they had such a terrible Storm and Tempest at Philadelphia and New-York, from one End of the City to the other: and such high Tide, that the like had not been known. The Wharfs at New-York were carried away and all the Ships, Vessels, Cannon and Boats were forced from their Anchors on Shore, and many of them wreck'd in Piecés; so that the Ruines made a most dismal Prospect. The Pyrate Ship taken by Capt. Soleguard was forced to cut her Masts and drive away. They add, that Lowe the Pyrate was gone to Cape Fair to Careen; and that a Man of War was fitting out by Order of the Government to go in quest of him: and that a Peace would suddenly be set on Foot with the Eastern Indians, at the Desire of the 5 Nations.

The Father of Spendela, Mr. Seabright's Servant, lately went to Calais to see his Son, and returned hither last Wednesday. He says, that the young Man is pretty well recovered; but doth not confirm what has been mentioned in the public Prints, That 4 of the Russians that robbed and murdered the English Gentlemen have been taken up at Dunkuk. And what has been often said, That the Woman's Son at the Silver Lion at Calais is taken up, is contradicted by him. He says indeed, that a Woman and a Boy were apprehended there, on Suspicion of having a Watch and some Linnen found upon them, supposed to belong to the unfortunate Gentlemen.

It has been mentioned, That Horatio Walpole Esq; was to set out for Hanover; but we are now assured, that it was for the Court of France: The Occasion of which is conjectured to be, from the near Approach of the Death of the Great Duke of Tuscany, who on the 14th past received the Sacrament of Extreme-unction.

'Tis expected, That on Tuesday next a vast Number of Minters will appear at the General Quarter Sessions of the Peace at Kingston for the County of Surry. 'Tis observed, that 1100 of them have been already discharged, and that 2500 more of them have put in their Claim. It seems they pour in from all Parts. In the mean time 'tis wished that the Goodness of the Government, in an Act so well design'd, may not be abus'd.

We hear the Honourable George Cholmondy, Esq; who married Mr. Walpole's only Daughter, will succeed Mr. Smith decess'd, in the Place of Teller of the Exchequer, worth above 2000 *L. per Annum*.

My Lord Chief Justice Pratt is again much indisposed.

The Earl of Cadogan is returned from the Review at Maidstone.

The Duke of Devonshire is returned from his Seat in Derbyshire, in order to partake next Week of the Diversions of Horse-racing at New-market, his Grace being a great Sportsman that Way.

The Distemper at Lisbon, which we mentioned in our Last, is a malignant Fever, and continues to carry off Numbers of People; but 'tis hoped that the Rains, which are suddenly expected to fall, will restore Health among them.

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ADVERTISEMENT.

A COMPOUND for improving of *Land*, which for it's *Virtue*, surpasses any Thing that has yet appeared, *impregnating* the *Seeds*, of every Kind of *Corn*, to such a *Degree*, as scarce any single *Grain* misgives, whereby *Half* the Quantity of *Seed* usually taken will suffice; and from that *Half* sown, an *Increase* is to be expected, modestly speaking, *Double*, if not *Triple* of what the full *Seed* would otherwise produce; and yet is so far from weakening, That it nourishes the *Ground*, and puts it in a much better *Condition* than it was before; And operating not only upon a rich *Soil*, but serving in Place of *Dung*, has also a surprising *Effect* upon the *Coldest* and *Poorest* *Grounds*, where no *Dung* is used: Of such a *Quality* as it may be kept for a *Term* of *Years* without losing it's *Virtue*. Is made by *Robert Geddes* Chirurgeon Apothecary in *Edinburgh*, and sold only at the *Laigh Coffee-House* there. Price 1 s. a *Chopin Bottle*.

The Method of preparing the Seed by the Compound.

POUR a *Bottle* of the *Compound* upon a *Peck* of *Seed*, of any Kind of *Corn*, and so proportionably less or more, according to the Quantity of *Seed* to be sown, without any other *Mixture* whatsoever; let the *Seed* be immediatly moved, or turned over in the *Vessel*, so as it may be all equally wet by the *Compound*; continue to move or turn it over, at least once every *Half-Hour*, for the Space of *four Hours*, that it may drink the *Compound* wholly up; And whenever the *Seed* is so dry, as it does separate well enough in the *Hand* for sowing, let it be sown into the *Ground*; and cause harrow the *Ground* without Loss of *Time*.

N. B. The *Inventer* of this *Composition* makes it easy to try the *Experiment*, confident of the *Virtue* of the *Compound*; he proposes the simplest *Method* of using it. *Mere Pretenders* usually leave much to be done by those they prescribe to, that when their *Experiments* fail, they may have a *Handle* left them, to throw the *Blame* from off themselves.

THAT the good Ship named the *Anne Galley*, *Capt. John Barclay* Commander, *Burden* 124 *Tons*, or thereby, free built, with her *hail Furniture*, as she now lies in the *Harbour* of *Leith*, is to be exposed to *Sale*, by way of publick *voluntar Roup*, upon *Tuesday* the 5th of *November* next, betwixt the *Hours* of 2 and 4 of the *Clock Afternoon*, in the *House* of *George Mill*; *Merchant* upon the *Shore* of *Leith*, where the *Inventary* of the said Ship may be seen; and at the *Laigh Coffee House* in *Edinburgh*.

*† The *Annual Colleges* of the *Materia Medica*, and *Methodus Prescribendi*, by *Dr. Charles Alston*, *P. B. R.* And of *Anatomy*, *Chirurgical Operations* and *Bandages*, by *Alexander Monro P. A.* and *F. R. S.* begins at *Edinburgh*, on *Wednesday* the sixth of *November* next.

WHEREAS upon the 6 *Instant* there was stolen or strayed from the *House* of *John Fullarton* *Vintner* in *Grange-gate-side*, half a *Mile* be-
south *Edinburgh*, 2 *Milk Kine*, one a *Black* with *smal high Horns*, the other a *black* with *white Spots*, *white Tail* and *white Legs*, with a *Bell* in her *Forehead*. Any *Person* who will give an *Account* of the saids *Kine*, to the *Owner* or the *Author* of this *Paper*, so as the same may be got back, shall have half a *Guinea* *Reward* and all *Charges* born, without any *Questions* asked.

*† *Alexander Bayne*, *Professor* of the *Law* of *Scotland*, in the *University* of *Edinburgh*, begins his *College* on *Wednesday* the 6th of *November* next.

Custom

Custom-House Edinburgh 4th October 1723.

By the Commissioners of His MAJESTY's Customs,

An Abstract of several Clauses of an Act of Parliament passed in the 8th Year of His Majesty's Reign, intituled, *An Act to prevent the clandestine Running of Goods.* The said Commissioners hereby give Notice to all Persons concerned, That this Law will be vigorously executed; and the Offenders punish'd in the Manner directed by the said Act.

ENACTED, That after the 25 March 1722, all Persons found passing (knowingly and wittingly) with any foreign Goods landed from any Ship, without Entry and Payment of the Duties from any Coast of this Kingdom, or within 20 Miles of the same, and shall be more than 5 Persons in Company, or shall carry any offensive Arms or Weapons, or wear any Wizard Mask or Disguise when passing with such Goods, or shall forcibly hinder or resist any Officer of the Customs or Excise, in seizing or securing any Sorts of run Goods, shall be adjudg'd Runners of foreign Goods: and (being convicted of the said Offences) shall be adjudg'd guilty of Felony; and for such Offences, be transported as a Felon to his Majesty's Plantations in *America*, there to remain for 7 Years; and if such Offenders shall return to *Britain* or *Ireland* before the Expiration of the said 7 Years, they shall suffer as Fellons without Benefit of the Clergy.

Provided, That if any Runner of foreign Goods shall within 2 Months after his Offence, and before his Conviction discover 2 or more of his Accomplices to the Commissioners of the Customs or Excise in *England* or *Scotland*, so as 2 of them at least be convicted of such Offence, the Offender so discovering shall receive 40 L. for every Offender so discovered and convicted, so as the Value of the Goods recovered shall exceed 50 L. and the Person discovering shall be acquitted of his Offence.

Further enacted, That after the 25th March 1722, if any Person shall within 3 Months after such Offence committed, discover to the said Commissioners any Person guilty of such Offence; and being convicted thereof, such Discoverer shall receive the like Reward of 40 L. for every Offender so convicted, over and above any other Reward he may be entitled unto by Means of his Discovery; or on Account of the Penalties which shall be recovered for running the said Goods.

Enacted, That the Commissioners of the Customs and Excise in *England* and *Scotland*, shall cause the several Rewards of 40 L. to be paid by the Receiver-General or Cashier of the Customs and Excise, in Proportion to the Duties for clandestinely run, upon producing to them a Certificate of the Judge or Justice of the Court, before whom such Offenders shall be tried, certifying his Conviction; and the Money so paid, shall be allowed to the Receiver-General or Cashier, in their Accounts.

Further enacted, That if any Person shall receive or buy any Goods so clandestinely run, before the same shall have been legally condemn'd, knowing the same to be so clandestinely run, and shall thereof be convicted upon his Appearance or Default, or upon the Oath of one or more credible Witnesses, or by the Confession of the Party, by one or more Justices of the Peace where such Offence shall be committed, or the Offender shall be found (which Oath the Justices of the Peace are required to administer) the Person so convicted shall forfeit 20 L. one Moiety to the Informer, and the other Moiety to the Poor of the Parish where such Offence shall be committed, to be levied by Distress and Sale of the Offender's Goods, by Warrant under the Hands and Seals of such Justices; and for Want of Distress, every such Offender shall by such Justice, be committed to Prison, there to remain without Baill or main Prize, for the Space of 3 Months.

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